



Families, Households and Marital Status

Highlights

The following statistics are from the 2006 Census of Canada, which took place on May 16, 2006.

- The number of census families in the Yukon increased by 7% between 2001 and 2006.
- A large increase was seen in the number of total private households, up 11% from 2001.
- The number of common-law couple families grew by 10% in the Yukon, compared to an increase of 4% in the number of married-couple families.



Families, Households and Marital Status, 2001 and 2006

	2001	2006
Population ¹	28,675	30,375
Number of census families ^{2,3}	7,810	8,335
Number of married-couple families ²	4,465	4,640
Number of common-law couple families ²	1,795	1,970
Number of lone-parent families ²	1,550	1,725
Total private households ^{2,4}	11,360	12,615
Population in private households ^{2,4}	28,160	29,860
Average household size ¹	2.5	2.4
Number of legally married (and not separated) ^{1,5}	9,160	9,595
Number of divorced ^{1,5}	2,235	2,365

¹100% sample data

²20% sample data

³Census family refers to a married couple (with or without children of either or both spouses), a couple living common-law (with or without children of either or both partners) or a lone parent of any marital status, with at least one child living in the same dwelling. A couple may be of opposite or same sex.

⁴Private household refers to a person living alone or a group of persons occupying the same dwelling.

⁵For population 15 years and over.

- The 2006 Census counted 8,335 census families in Yukon, up 7% from 2001.
- Within census families, the 'lone-parent families' category saw the largest percentage increase, up 11% from 1,550 in 2001 to 1,725 in 2006.
- Of the 24,655 Yukoners aged 15 and over, 9,595, or 39%, were legally married (and not separated), and 2,365, or 10%, were legally divorced and not remarried.



Yukon Legal Marital Status, 2006

	2001		2006	
	Number of individuals	% of Total individuals	Number of individuals	% of Total individuals
Never legally married (single)	9,430	41.7%	10,770	43.7%
Legally married (and not separated)	9,160	40.5%	9,595	38.9%
Separated, but still legally married	1,015	4.5%	975	4.0%
Divorced	2,235	9.9%	2,365	9.6%
Widowed	800	3.5%	950	3.9%
Total population, age 15+	22,640	100%	24,655	100%

- In 2006 there were 3,960 individuals in a common-law relationship. Seventy-five percent of those individuals had never been legally married, and another nineteen percent were divorced. In comparison, 3,550 individuals were in a common-law relationship in 2001, and only seventy percent of those individuals had never been legally married.
- For the first time in 2006, the 'legally married' category included spouses in same-sex marriages. In the Yukon, there were 25 same-sex couples reported, accounting for less than 1% of all couples in the territory.



Yukon Census Families

- Following trends in the rest of Canada, common-law couple families grew more than married-couple families between 2001 and 2006 (10% compared with 4%).
- However, the number of lone-parent families grew by 11%, the highest of the three family types.
- The average number of persons in a Yukon census family remained stable at 2.9.

	2001	2006
Total number of census families	7,810	8,335
Number of married-couple families	4,465	4,640
Number of common-law couple families	1,795	1,970
Number of lone-parent families	1,550	1,725
Average Number of...		
...persons in all Census families	3.0	2.9
...persons in married-couple families	3.1	3.1
...persons in common-law couple families	2.9	2.8
...persons in lone-parent families	2.6	2.5



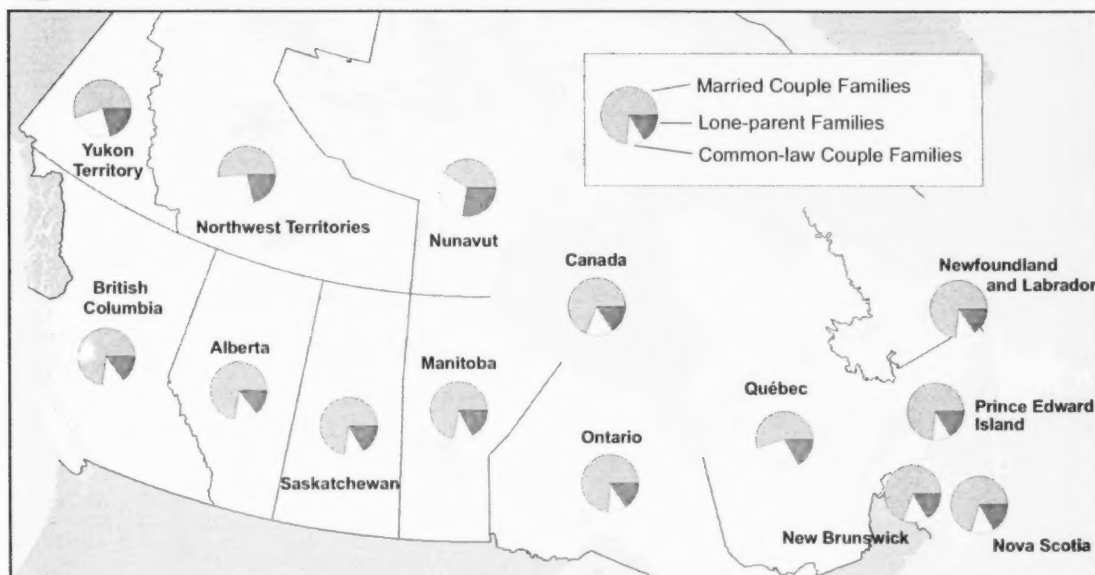
Yukon Household Characteristics

	2001	2006
Total - # of persons in private households	28,160	29,855
Total # of census family persons	23,235	24,075
Total # of persons not in census families	4,925	5,780
Living with relatives	425	665
Living with non-relatives only	1,230	1,215
Living alone	3,265	3,900

- Of the 2006 Yukon population living in a private household, the majority (81%) are census family persons. Of those that live in a non-family household, most (67%) live alone, while the remaining third live with relatives or non-relatives.



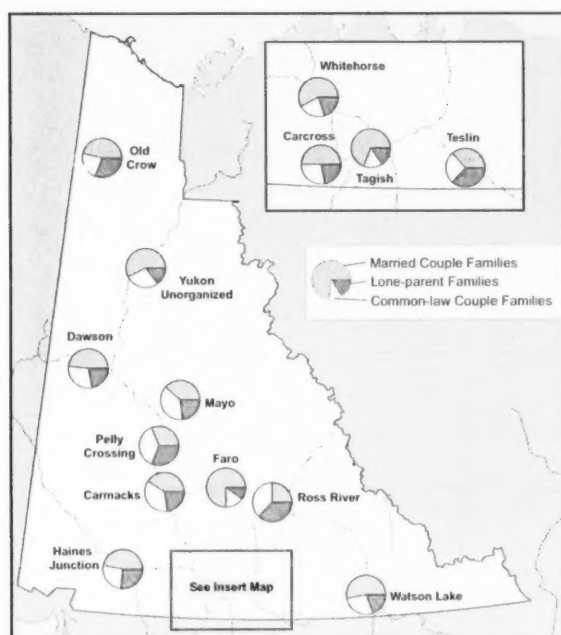
Types of Census Families: Canada



- In the Yukon, 56% of census families were married couple families, 24% were common-law couple families, and 21% were lone-parent families.
- 26% of the lone-parent families were lone-father families, compared with 21% from the 2001 Census.
- Yukon, along with Nunavut, had the second-highest percentage of lone-father families in Canada.
- The percentage of married couple families varied from a low of 41% in Nunavut to a high of 74% in Ontario.



Types of Census Families: Yukon



- In the Whitehorse area (Census Agglomeration), 58% of families were married couple families, 22% were common-law couple families, and 20% were lone-parent families.
- Of the listed communities, Ross River had the lowest percentage of married couple families, at 25%.

	Total - Census Families	Married Couple Families	Common- law Couple Families	Lone-parent Families
Yukon Territory	8,335	4,640	1,970	1,725
Whitehorse Area	6,345	3,690	1,365	1,285
Yukon Unorganized	345	195	95	50
Dawson	320	155	95	70
Watson Lake	235	125	65	45
Haines Junction	165	80	45	45
Carmacks	110	45	40	25
Faro	105	75	15	10
Carcross	90	45	25	20
Ross River	80	20	30	30
Teslin	90	35	25	35
Pelly Crossing	75	25	30	25
Old Crow	65	30	15	20
Mayo	65	25	25	15
Tagish	60	45	10	10

Note: Whitehorse Area is from Whitehorse CA and Teslin is composed of Teslin and Teslin Post 13

Note: due to rounding, percentages as calculated from above chart may not match those shown in pie charts on map.



Housing Type, Tenure, and Period of Construction

Occupied Private Dwellings	2001	2006
Structural Types		
Total-Structural type	11,365	12,610
Single-detached house	7,750	8,150
Moveable dwelling	910	1,230
Other dwelling ¹	2,705	3,225
Tenure		
Housing owned	7,155	8,050
Housing rented	3,550	3,840
Band housing	660	720
Number of Bedrooms		
No bedrooms	490	535
1 bedroom	1,730	1,820
2 bedrooms	3,150	3,600
3 bedrooms	4,010	4,290
4+ bedrooms	1,985	2,365
Period of Construction		
1920 or before	x*	85
1921 to 1945	365*	280
1946 to 1960	1,030	1,110
1961 to 1970	1,505	1,455
1971 to 1980	3,350	3,350
1981 to 1985	1,260	1,270
1986 to 1990	1,190	1,275
1991 to 1995	1,525	1,390
1996 to 2000	1,145 ²	1,225
2001 to 2006	N/A	1,170 ³

¹Includes semi-detached houses, row houses, duplexes, apartments, and other single-attached houses.

²Includes data up to May 15, 2001

³Includes data up to May 16, 2006

*The 2001 Census combined the '1920 or before' and '1921 to 1945' categories into one.

- 65% of the dwellings in the Yukon were single-detached houses, a slight decrease in 2006 from 68% in 2001; however the number of single-detached houses increased by 400, or 5%.
- The largest percentage increase in type of dwellings was in the 'moveable dwelling' category, which increased by 35%, bringing up its share of the total types of dwellings to 10% in 2006.
- Of the 12,610 dwellings in the Yukon in 2006, 64% were owned, and 30% were rented.
- The 'dwellings with 4 or more bedrooms' category experienced the largest growth between 2001 and 2006, increasing by 19%.
- Three-bedroom houses comprised the largest segment of housing in 2006 at 34%. Four percent of the houses in the Yukon had no bedrooms.
- Regarding the period of construction of dwellings in the Yukon, 19% were constructed between 1996 and 2006, and 3% were built in 1945 or earlier.

Publication Notes

Total Population and Marital Status data is based on 100% Data.

Families, Household Characteristics, and Dwelling Characteristics data is based on 20% data.

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